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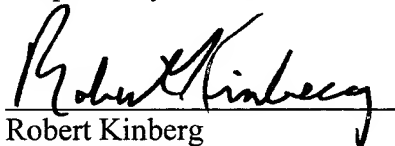
Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R.1.97 ff within the time specified under 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Attached are the documents cited in the specification. Also attached is U.S. Patent No. 4,281,670 and its German counterpart DE 2751522. A Form PTO 1449 listing the references is also attached.

In view of the above, no further statement of relevance need be given, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited publications and make them of record.

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